



II. AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1 at line 1 with the following paragraph:

--The invention provides nucleotide sequences from coryneform bacteria which code for the histidine kinase luminescence expression sensor (luxS) gene and a process for the fermentative preparation of amino acids using bacteria in which the luxS gene is attenuated.--

Please amend the title "Description of the Invention" on page 2, line 4 to read as follows:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert the following title and description of figure 1 on page 4, after line 27:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows the shuttle and integration plasmid pCR2.luxSint containing the 492 bp internal fragment of the luxS gene.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18 at line 3 with the following paragraph:

--The following microorganism was deposited as a pure culture on 26.02.2001 at the Deutsche Sammlung für Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen (DSMZ = German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, Mascheroder Weg 1b, D-38124, Braunschweig, Germany) in accordance with the Budapest Treaty.

- Escherichia coli Top10/pCR2.1luxSint as DSM 14082.--